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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Preliminary majority prices were lower in the East, unchanged in the West and Midwest. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Northeast, steady to about steady elsewhere. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail feature activity. Supplies ranged adequate to ample. In the parts structure, breast items were becoming less available than earlier in the week in some areas, but were still slow in clearing. All other items were generally sufficient for the mostly light to fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range, but were mostly desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06/19-06/24/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	37.00-61.50	48.17	24
Los Angeles	64.00			
New York	49.00-55.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-59.50	39.00-62.00	58.71	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
604	55.20-61.25	58.30
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	3,920
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,740
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.50	606
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	7,730
WINGS	51.00	2,651
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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders continued to show good movement with supplies adequate to close balanced. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still outweighed the light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings ample for a mainly moderate buyer interest. Retailer demand fairly good with features and Father's Day stimulating interest for the weekend. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Breast prices stabilized, leg quarters remained steady. Ads in Southern California: Southern wholebody 89, breasts 169-199, boneless breasts 179-549, drums and thighs 67-149, boneless leg and thigh 98-129, leg quarters 49, wings 89, cornish hens 159-199, chicken hot dogs and bologna 99.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers steady at best. Offerings of additional whole birds and WOGs continue to fully meet trade needs with heavy sizes slow to clear. Retail demand persisted in a sluggish nature with an occasional fair movement noted, best for features. Food service movement was improved but remained below expectations with catering and fast food demand fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to ample, weights desirable to heavy. Trading on breast items fair in Chicago, slow to clear elsewhere, leg quarters moderate and wings and tenderloins fairly good. Supplies of all items adequate or available with tenders in close balance and boneless/skinless breast in the longest position. Trade sentiment steady on wings and leg quarters, about steady on breast items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to moderate at best. Offerings were at least adequate to ample and discounting continued. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was slow to fair. The market tone was mostly weak. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were about adequate. Boneless, skinless breasts were improved also, but remained at least adequate. All other items were more than adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but was no better than fair and was generally noted as insufficient to satisfactorily clear current offerings. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced in instances; however, when added to spot operations planned for Saturday, schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, wings were generally noted as clearing well. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		49-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		58.37
NO. OF BOXES		9,690
CUMULATIVE	06/12/00-06/16/00	58.61
	06/14/99-06/18/99	60.26
NO. OF BOXES	06/12/00-06/16/00	46,408
	06/14/99-06/18/99	34,708

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JUNE 15, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 16, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	660	120.00-189.00	135-140	136.47	632	115.00-189.00	135-145	140.58	3,545	135.94
TENDERLOINS	208	115.00-205.00	145-150	148.37	276	149.00-205.00	-	168.30	1,096	159.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	66.00-75.00	67-69	66.63	114	66.00-75.00	67-68	66.63	642	67.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	52.27
LEGS	89	27.00-37.00	-	28.01	89	27.00-37.00	28-29	28.01	405	28.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	15.00-19.50	17-18	16.96	311	17.00-19.50	17-18	17.70	2,955	17.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,216	19.00-22.00	20-21	20.73	1,336	19.00-22.00	21-22	20.81	9,760	20.91
WINGS (WHOLE)	133	43.00-56.00	44-47	49.17	133	45.00-56.00	45-47	49.77	538	49.38
WINGS (CUT)	515	51.00-74.00	56-58	55.96	524	46.00-74.00	56-58	55.48	2,738	55.68
DRUMSTICKS	49	27.00-37.00	-	28.84	49	27.00-37.00	-	28.84	245	28.84
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				64	27.63
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				184	63.11

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 15, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

33.00 - 37.25

34.98

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTSTRADING FOR JUNE 16, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S****5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

33.50 - 37.25

35.10

34.89

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly for weekend business and was mostly fair. Offerings of breast items continued to improve and were generally adequate. All other items ranged adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was slow to moderate. The market tone was steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

JUNE 15, 2000	CURRENT NEG			WTD	JUNE 16, 2000	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD
BREAST - B/S	130	133.92	522,840			130	131.75	625,160	133.50
TENDERLOINS	145-150	150.02	123,840			145-150	150.70	167,040	149.85
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	69.62	327,080			62-63	68.44	341,240	69.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	63.59	234,760			62	64.88	154,600	62.55
LEGS	34-35	38.23	201,560			34-35	38.74	171,480	38.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.80	369,903			24-25	25.07	561,913	25.37
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.13	125,030			37-38	41.12	121,230	40.49
THIGHS	28-29	29.79	129,070			28-29	32.36	121,210	32.49
B/S THIGHS	84-85	86.52	63,600			84-85	90.51	54,920	89.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	61.62	302,240			52-53	61.09	366,640	60.99
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	71,720			10-12	12.00	88,440	12.02
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.63	38,720			30-35	34.86	54,600	34.51
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.00	75,680			40-45	44.58	105,160	44.90

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	06/16	06/15	06/14	06/13	06/14	06/13	06/09	06/07
ALA	3,703	3,984	3,826	4,018	4.99	4.98	4,809	5.06
ARK	5,756	5,232	5,169	5,193	4.85	4.91	5,413	4.93
DELMARVA	2,421	2,388	2,420	2,437	5.15	5.07	2,538	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,212	2,114	2,126	2,086	4.43	4.50	2,084	4.46
MISS	3,103	2,758	2,740	2,452	5.07	5.20	3,302	4.96
NC	2,587	2,606	2,457	2,565	5.85	6.01	2,688	5.86
TEXAS	2,333	2,334	2,340	2,348	4.73	4.86	2,346	4.76
TOTAL	22,115	21,416	21,078	21,099	5.00	5.05	23,180	5.03

MON-FRI107,690(A)

108,518(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Jun & 17-Jun-00 is estimated to be 33,087,000 up 6.14 percent from a week ago and down 0.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,194,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending

17-Jun-00 is estimated to be 156,121,000 head down 2.0 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 159,292,000 Last year 156,460,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
DRY PACK	92-96
ICE PACK	106-111
ROASTERS 4# & UP	112-119
ICE PACK	98
HENS OVER 5#	94
ICE PACK	148-160
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jun 03, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	33,294	32,003	38,968
Avg Weight	3.79	4.86	6.00
% of total /1	32%	31%	37%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	34,548	35,931	44,519
Avg Weight	3.71	4.77	6.00
% of total /1	30%	31%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,996	20,591	44,181
Avg Weight	3.73	4.73	6.04
% of total /1	29%	22%	48%
To date/2000	737,216	707,014	903,477
To date/1999	727,527	610,508	971,948

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 10-Jun-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	159,292(A)	1,970	1,554	3,524	457
AVG WT	4.86	3.39	7.68	5.24	6.69
LAST WEEK	143,535	1,393	1,277	2,670	481
YR AGO	151,899	2,142	1,423	3,565	413
AVG WT	5.04	3.58	8.26	5.45	4.68
TO-DATE/2000	3,539,299	46,087	31,915	78,002	10,378
TO-DATE/1999	3,464,193	50,358	30,877	81,235	10,241

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.2 million head or 3.9 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JUNE 13, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.12 - 1.18	Silkie	2.50 - 3.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.14 - 1.22	Geese 9-14	.20 - .42
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .58	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .82	White Pigeons	2.50 - 2.85ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .84	Rabbits 4-6	.60 - .94
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - .98	Rabbits 7-11	.40 - .82
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - .92	Bunnies	.50 - 1.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.50ea.	Guinea Pigs	.75 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Kid Goats	17.00 - 34.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.07 - .18	Doves	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .56	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .74

Total Coops Sold 834

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 12-JUN-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-53	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	73-83	75-81
SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	60.48-69.66	
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14	
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times good. Sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Slaughter schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at 2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40- 0.65, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.18.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-JUN-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MAY	6	158.1	156.1	101	5.10
	13	159.1	157.2	101	5.06
	20	160.8	157.2	102	5.08
	27	160.7	156.0	103	4.94
JUNE	3	145.3	156.4	93	5.03
	10	161.2	157.3	102	4.86
YEAR TO DATE		3582.4	3515.0	102	
JUNE	17		158.5		
	24		158.8		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 10-Jun-00

IN THOUSANDS
Broilers 3,925 HD, 20,292 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 638 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----					
<u>W/E</u>	<u>06/17/00</u>	<u>06/10/00</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>06/19/99</u>	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	156,121	*159,292	-02	*156,460	0
Cattle	722	730	-01	*724	0
Hogs	1,752	1,798	-03	*1,824	-04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were irregular. However, values on light canners were mixed but usually about unchanged, and unchanged to sharply lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of heavy canners were slow to clear. Overall, demand was unaggressive as retail business was reported as seasonal slow. Generally the undertone was cautiously steady on lights, but unsettled and barely steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)

23-25.5 MAJORITY	27.5-31 MAJORITY	29-30.5
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)

25-28 MAJORITY	25-25.5	29.5-33.25 MAJORITY	31-33.25
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EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Finished product was clearing but fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were slow with production schedules fully adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices remain unchanged. A very limited number of suppliers of spent fowl were receiving the top side of the quoted range. Most processors were working at full capacity with offerings in excess of current needs. Trade sentiment barely steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules generally full. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	0 (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was slow and unaggressive as offerings were fully adequate to ample for processors needs. Processing schedules were about normal as sales of canner product was slow to clear. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were light with schedules supplying ample product for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

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